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1. CIVIL DEFENSE

Throughout the document the term "civil defense" is mentioned. In our state the term "civil defense" has generally been replaced by "emergency management". There are no Civil Defense Directors, they have been replaced by Emergency Management Managers to reflect an association with FEMA. Request that the document be changed to read "civil defense/emergency management".

2. RACES

a. Section II EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, Paragraph 3. Eliminate Radio Amateur Service (RACES) licenses..... Why not just entirely eliminate RACES from the document? Since there are so few RACES license hams they could easily be absorbed by other amateur radio groups providing civil defense/emergency management communications support.

b. Section IV DISCUSSION, Paragraph C.16.(2) any amateur station that has been .....

This re-enforces the suggestion to eliminate RACES.

3. APPENDIX Part 97.....

a. Paragraph 11. Section 97.407 (b) is revised as follows:

97.407 Radio Amateur Emergency Service be changed to: 97.407 Amateur Radio Stations in Support of Civil Defense/Emergency Management. Paragraph (b) The frequency bands and segments and emissions authorized to the control operator are available to properly registered stations transmitting communications in support of civil defense/emergency management on a shared basis.....

In the event of an emergency which necessitates the invoking of the President's War Emergency.....as amended, 47 U.S.C. properly registered amateur radio stations may only transmit on the following frequency segments:

Paragraph (c) A RACES station may only communicate with: Change to: A properly registered amateur radio station may only communicate with:

Delete (c)(1) Another RACES station.

Paragraph (d)(1) Replace the words A RACES with: A properly registered amateur radio

Paragraph (d)(2)(i): Delete.

Paragraph (e) Change to read: All communications transmitted by a properly registered amateur radio station must..... Only civil defense/emergency management communications of the following types.....

Paragraph (e)(4): Delete. Most amateur radio organizations train more than this providing support to their communicates during natural disasters, public service, and FEMA/NRC drills.

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